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Hello Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 17:00 EDT

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-U.S. essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points

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Details on Demonstrations

- **At 14:00 there were approx. 75-100 people on Parliament Hill and 100 on Wellington and surrounding area.**
- Police are working with organizers to facilitate the safe departure of individuals and vehicles and to ensure safety.
 - **The crowd of trucks has thinned. OPS is not permitting incoming truckers from filling the open spaces and this is causing some flashpoints. Police resources are addressing this and deploying to maintain public safety.**
- **Traffic and disruption continue downtown as the Mayor urges protesters to leave.** [Link](#)
- **No injuries were reported after an incident involving a truck and an Ottawa police barricade.**

- **Demonstration has scaled down over the past 12 hours.**
- **Demonstration continues the border point of entry, Coutts, AB.**
 - **The Coutts port of entry (POE) remains open however due to the blockade, trucks cannot access the POE.**
 - **Open sources report that 50-100 trucks are stuck on the US side since Saturday. [Link](#)**
 - **On 30 Jan RCMP reported on social media: “When an event becomes unlawful we utilize a measured approach, which ultimately includes enforcement. This event is unlawful and we are asking those who are involved to clear the area.”**

Preparedness and Response efforts

- The GOC hosted a Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconference at 13:00 EDT, with partners at TBS and PCO. **Daily meetings will be held for the remainder of the week.**
- On 29 Jan, a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) from Ontario was approved for access to Cartier Square Drill Hall parking lot, for staging of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) operations.
- On 29 Jan a NOTAM was issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa extending from Victoria Island to New Edinburgh, including the Byward Market, Lowertown and over the Ottawa River, to include a section of downtown Hull/Gatineau.
- OC Transpo service around downtown Ottawa suspended on third day of truck convoy protest. [Link](#)
- **Ottawa's Mayor, Police Chief and other officials held a briefing Monday at 15:30 on the city's response to the protest:**
 - **Public Safety remains the priority.**
 - **Every effort to negotiate and for de-escalation of the demonstration will continue. All options are on the table from negotiation to enforcement in order to resolve the demonstration.**
 - **In the next 24 hours, they will create a hotline for hate crimes, criminal offences, hate crimes or mischief. These will be immediately investigated until resolved by charge and prosecution.**
 - **Continue to avoid non-essential travel to the down town core.**
- OPS additionally reports the following:

- Downtown Ottawa should largely be back to normal within 24 to 48 hours. [Link](#)
 - No injuries, deaths or riots took place in the NCR despite national protest for a wide variety of causes.
- For information on planned traffic routes and road closures as of 11:30 EDT please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#) and for near real time updated on road closures please see the city of Ottawa website. [Link](#)

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event has been peaceful.
 - Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- **There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations however it has scaled down over the past 12 hours.**

On behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG Government Operations Centre.

Thank you.

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Please note that I do not expect a response in the evenings, weekends or during your time off, unless there is an urgent situation in which we are both involved.

Veillez noter que je n'attends pas de réponse le soir, le week-end ou pendant vos temps libres, sauf en cas de situation urgente qui nous concerne tous les deux.